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## A CALL TO THE REBEL CHIEFS

### To Confer in Havana During the Truce

## TAFT HAS GOT TO WORK

### He and Bacon Listen Carefully While the Hearing Goes Forward, But They Voice No Opinion Which In Any Way Might Explain Their Presence or Policy.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Havana, Sept. 20.—Leaders of the revolutionary movement have called all the generals in the field for a conference in Havana. They are safe from molestation during the truce.

The taking of testimony was continued today at the home of American Minister Morgan at Marianao. General Menocal, the head of the veterans said to the Associated Press that he believed Secretary Taft was bound to find a solution of the difficulty. He is delighted with the forceful tact in securing all basic facts bearing on the matter. General Menocal considers his own work at an end and has turned over his reports to Secretary Taft.

Government officials maintained the same attitude today as yesterday, saying there is no reason to recede from that position. They hold that the present situation is not due so much to the unpreparedness of the government which is now in a fairly good position. Taft receives callers.

Secretary Taft spent the morning in receiving callers who are seeking to influence the actions of the mediators. Governor Nunez, of Havana province, has been telling Secretary Taft that the elections of last year were perfectly constitutional and that there does not exist sufficient reason for cancelling them. He urged strongly that the present government be upheld. Congressman Florencio Vilandras, a brother of the member of congress who was killed at Cienfuegos a year ago, set forth that the killing of his brother was one of the causes of the present trouble and endeavored to show that the government was responsible for this murder. Vice President Mendez Capote, continued his testimony before the mediators and after him Alfredo Zayas, the liberal leader, was heard.

As the testimony was given, Messrs. Taft and Bacon listened carefully, stenographers taking notes. The mediators however, do not voice the slightest opinion or suggestion or in any way explain their presence or their policy. It is evident that the hearing will be a long one.

## VESSELS CAUGHT IN COAST STORM.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 20.—The four masted schooner Benjamin F. Pool, Captain Rodgers of Providence, R. I., caught in the late coast storm, was towed here today by the tug M. E. Luckenbach with eighteen feet of water in her hold. The Pool sailed from Brunswick, Ga., September 16, with cargo and deck load of lumber for New York, and besides losing a portion of her canvass and a part of her deck load, was badly strained and would, her captain declares, have been beaten to pieces had not the gale abated as soon as it did.

Captain Rodgers reports having passed at night fall yesterday, off Bodles Island, a schooner coming up the coast with most of her sails gone and which he took to be the four-masted schooner Frances C. Tunnel of Philadelphia.

## BATES NATIONAL BANK IS CLOSED.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 20.—The Bates National Bank of Butler, Mo., was closed today by the action of the board of directors for the purpose of going into liquidation. J. W. Butler has been appointed receiver. So far as the comptroller of the currency is advised no charges of wrong-doing have been made.

## MEN OF THE LAURA REPORTED IMPROVED.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 20.—The officers and seamen from the British steamship Laura, carried to St. Vincent's Hospital following the arrival of the ship here yesterday after a great battle with the wind and waves during which she lost her captain and two men, were all reported from St. Vincent's Hospital today as being somewhat improved.

## FRISCO UP AGAINST FAMINE IN HOTELS.

(By the Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 20.—A serious situation faces the city in the lack of hotel accommodations. Last night in eight of the largest hotels not

a room was vacant and people were sleeping on cots in the halls. Westbound travel has been exceptionally heavy of late, and people are flocking to the city from all over the country. The hotels have been besieged with telegrams seeking to reserve accommodations.

At present no solution of the problem of housing the travelers appears. Several hotels have been planned, but their completion is so far in the future that they cannot be counted on to help relieve the press of work.

## RUSH OF WORK AT ARSENAL, CUBA?

(By the Associated Press.)  
Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 20.—More than the usual activity is being displayed at the government arsenal at Frankford in this city, where a large party of the army's supply of ammunition is manufactured. While officers at the arsenal decline to explain the rush of work, it is generally believed that the Cuban situation has much to do with the increased energy that is being shown there. Large orders for various kinds of ammunition have been received, among them being one for more than 41,000 three inch shells, another for 12 1-2 pound shells and one for saddle back boxes for mules in transporting shells for mountain guns.

## ENGINEERS WILL LEAD Brotherhood to Move for Higher Wages

This Great Organization May Take  
a Stand in Which Every Western  
Railroad Employee May Be Represented  
in the Demand.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Sept. 20.—The Tribune today says:  
A movement in the direction of higher wages, greater in scope than any demand previously made by the operating employees of the railroads, will be initiated in Chicago next week by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The engineers' aim is to embrace every western road in the projected movement and to present demands jointly and simultaneously. Heretofore, the engineers on each system have been content to act separately. A plan also is in contemplation, and is said to have received the endorsement of at least two of the great railway brotherhoods, to take a stand in which every operating employee in the railroad business in the west shall be represented in a request for higher wages.

The movement of the engineers, it was announced, will be pushed regardless of the attitude of the other brotherhoods, although their co-operation is desired.

## Rev. B. W. Spillman Spoke.

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Wake Forest College, Sept. 20.—  
Rev. B. W. Spillman, field secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke here this evening before the student body, faculty and citizens of the hill.

## THE STEAMER, CITY OF SEATTLE, ON THE ROCKS

(By the Associated Press.)  
Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 20.—The steamship City of Seattle enroute to Alaska went on the rocks at Trial Island, ten miles from Victoria at 5 o'clock this morning in a heavy gale. The steamer Salvador and two tugs have gone to her assistance from Victoria and Port Townsend. All passengers are reported safe.

## CAPTAIN, WIFE, CREW SAVED OFF HATTERAS

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Sept. 20.—News of the loss at sea of the British bark Austria was brought into port today by the Atlas Line steamer Altai from West Indian ports. The Altai brought to New York Captain Robinson, Mrs. Robinson and the crew of sixteen men of the Austria, having taken them off their waterlogged bark while passing Cape Hatteras. The Austria sailed from Gulfport, Miss., for Rio De Janeiro with a cargo of lumber. On Sunday, September 16, she ran into a gale and after laboring in tremendous seas sprang a leak. Her pumps were choked and her condition hopeless when the Altai hove in sight and went to her assistance.

## SECOND STORM AT HONG KONG

### The Damage Apparently is Not Great

## NEWS OF THE TYPHOON

### Reports of Disaster Wrought By This Tempest Continue to Pour In—It Is Conservatively Estimated That Five Thousand Chinese Lost Their Lives.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Hong Kong, Sept. 20.—Another storm, less violent, however, than the typhoon, broke here at midnight and blew for six hours. The damage apparently was not great.

The full extent of the death and ruin wrought by the typhoon estimates place the number of Chinese who lost their lives at five thousand and the total of the material damage to the colony of \$2,000,000.

Reports of disasters at sea are constantly being received here. The steamer Albatross, with 150 passengers on board, foundered near Futanmen Pass. Only six passengers and two of the crew were saved. They swam ashore. The steamer Hong Kong also was lost and her entire crew is missing. The steamer Yingfat, from Samcheun, founded and 130 passengers and ten of her crew are missing. Only two of the crew are known to have been rescued.

Mrs. Hoare and her search party have returned. They found no trace of her husband, Joseph Charles Hoare, Anglican bishop of Victoria, whose yacht was lost during the typhoon.

### Incidents of Typhoon.

Captain Thomas, commander of the river steamer Fatshan, whose Chinese crew clambered on board the French mail steamer Polynesian when the Fatshan collided with her, saved his vessel and 150 Chinese passengers by splendid seamanship. Fortunately the engine room staff stuck heroically to their posts. Captain Thomas was left almost single handed on deck. He took the wheel and navigated the Fatshan for one hour and forty minutes through tempestuous seas, and finally beached the vessel safely. It is believed that she can be re-floated without trouble.

The staff of the Jardine Matheson Sugar Refinery rescued two hundred Chinamen from sinking sampans. The losses of the Kowloon Godown (warehouse) Company are estimated at \$750,000. Forty thousand bales of yarn which were in storage at Kowloon probably are irrevocably damaged. The beach is littered with valuable silks, and many looters have been arrested here and at Kowloon.

There are ample supplies of rice to relieve distress. There were seven hundred Chinese passengers on board the steamer Heung Shan, from Macao, which stranded off Lantau Island. All the European passengers including three women, were saved. Many of the Chinese including women were drowned, but the total number of deaths is not known. The position of the Heung-Shan is hopeless.

The British reserve ship Phoenix, which was reported ashore yesterday is a total wreck.

## ATLANTA GATES WIDE TO BRYAN

(By the Associated Press.)  
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 20.—William J. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan arrived from Augusta early today. The program for the day include a reception from 11 to 12 o'clock, luncheon to Mr. Bryan and a public address at Ponce De Leon Park during the afternoon and a dollar dinner tonight at which 400 plates will be laid. Mr. Bryan is expected to make his second speech of the day at this dinner.

## GOLDEN WEDDING OF TEUTON PEERS.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Karlsruhe, Germany, Sept. 20.—The Grand Duke and Duchess of Baden celebrated their golden wedding today. They were awakened at an early hour by the ringing of all the city bells and the firing of a salute of one hundred and one guns. The grand duke and the grand duchess have given \$25,000 to the poor.

## HELD AT BAY BY EIGHT IN MASKS

### These Burglars Blew Up the Newaygo Bank

## SECOND BANK SAVED

### The People of White Cloud Aroused by the Thunder of Explosions, Gathered in Such Numbers That the Robbers Took to Their Horses and Fleed.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 20.—Early today eight masked and heavily armed burglars had the people of White Cloud, a village forty-five miles north of here, at bay while they rifled the Newaygo County Bank and attempted also to rob the bank of R. Gannon & Son.

The eight men rode into the town of White Cloud between 12 and 1 o'clock, surrounding the buildings containing the two banks and posted guards outside while other members of the gang worked inside.

The interior of the Newaygo County Bank was completely wrecked by two explosions. The burglars got between \$2,000 and \$4,000 in cash. Dynamite was then used to wreck the interior of the Gannon Bank; but while the cracksmen were at work here the townspeople awakened by the explosions, gathered until there were so many of them present that the guards evidently decided it was not prudent to wait longer. They called out the men working in the bank before they could get the safe open, and covering the citizens with guns, rode out of town on horseback.

## A BANK ON A NEW PLAN

### President Must Submit Daily Reports of Business

### They Will Be Turned Over to the Chairman of the Directorate Who May Call a Halt if He Discovers Imprudence.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Sept. 20.—From the ruins of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank will arise in the near future a new bank, which James B. Forgan, who is to be chairman of the board of directors, declared yesterday would be absolutely unique in this country. It will be modeled on the Canadian or so-called Scotch-English plan, which eliminates the president of the bank from the role of the "all powerful one" that American tradition and practice make him.

In other words, the president of the new bank will be subject at all times to the authority of the directorate's chairman. Little or no restriction will be placed upon his authority to initiate measures for obtaining and transacting business. But after he has done the business his reports will have to be submitted in detail every day to Mr. Forgan, who, if he discovers that imprudent measures are being followed will quickly call a halt.

## FUNSTON TO FOLLOW TAFT OVER TO CUBA

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 20.—General Frederick Funston who is expected to arrive in Washington today will remain but a short time as the instructions of Secretary Taft when he left here for Cuba was that General Funston should immediately follow him. Secretary Taft desired to make use of the knowledge which General Funston had of Cuba and Cubans which he obtained while serving with the insurgents previous to the Spanish war.

General Frederick Funston has arrived here from American Lake, Wash., and has been in consultation with General Bell, chief of staff and other officers preparatory to departing tonight for Havana to join Secretary Taft's party.

## Condition of General Adam E. King.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20.—The condition of General Adam E. King, formerly consul general at Paris, who is ill of kidney trouble, was somewhat improved today. He is still dangerously sick, however.

## RULINGS MADE BY COMMISSION

### Rejects Southern Freight Rate Classification

## CARLOADS UNCHANGED

### That Discrimination Hearing Against Southern Bell Yesterday Com- mission Accepts Bell Company's Assurance That All Discrimination Is Eliminated—Manager Wynne of the Raleigh Company Was On the Stand.

Nearly three months ago the principal railroads in this state filed with the corporation commission and requested the adoption of what is known as the southern classification of freight rates. The reason the railroads gave for the adoption of this classification was that it would make the North Carolina rates uniform with those of other states in their interstate business. They also claimed that while there were many changes in rates the whole schedule had the effect of reducing rather than increasing the rates. The commission now announces its refusal to adopt the southern classification.

### Minimum Car Load Fertilizer.

The commission was also asked about the same time by the railroads to change the minimum car-load in shipments of fertilizers from 20,000 to 30,000 pounds. This request is also refused by the commission.

### That Bell Telephone Hearing.

The commission will not make any ruling in the W. B. Mann case against the Southern Bell Telephone Company charging that there is discrimination in the exchange charges for the reason as stated yesterday, that the Southern Bell, through A. B. Andrews, counsel, and E. A. Woodruff, manager, made answer that an examination of the books of the company showed some few instances of discrimination but that an order had been made and executed for discontinuance in each instance, all such contracts being canceled. A report that there are to be rebates is erroneous.

In the hearing yesterday Messrs. George Terrell and W. B. Mann went on the stand and testified as to the discrimination in their cases on which the complaint was based, and Manager Woodruff of the Bell Company was examined as to the matter. Then Mr. Will Wynne, manager of the Raleigh Telephone Company, who appeared with Mr. Mann to prosecute the charge against the Bell Company, went on the stand and was examined at some length. During his examination by Mr. Andrews he was questioned as to discriminations on the part of his company and admitted that there were five or six cases of discrimination on the books of his company. He refused to answer if there were as many as twelve. The commission ruled that the examination was rather out of order as the Raleigh investigation was not at that time under investigation.

## CONGRESSMAN HITT IS DEAD

(By the Associated Press.)  
Narragansett Pier, R. I., Sept. 20.—Congressman Robert R. Hitt of Illinois died at his summer home here today.

Heart failure following a long period of increasing physical weakness, finally caused the death of Congressman Hitt. Mrs. Hitt and her two sons, W. S. Hitt and R. H. Hitt, were at the bedside of the congressman when he died.

Mr. Hitt came here last June and since that time he has been very ill, requiring most of the time, the constant attention of nurses and physicians. His condition was due to advancing years. His age was 72 years.

### Sketch of His Life.

Mr. Hitt was 72 years old, having been born in Ohio in 1834, but removing to Illinois three years later. His career was a varied one, embracing newspaper work, diplomacy and legislation. As a young man he was intimately associated with Abraham Lincoln and as an expert stenographer reported many of the statesman's utterances in the great joint cam-

## ARGUMENT ON COTTON QUESTION

### President Green Emphasizes Need of Money

## GULLEY AND TEMPLETON

### Small Meeting of Cotton Growers, But an Interesting Discussion—Dr. Templeton Says Would Not Need to Raise Home Supplies if Govern- ment Owned the Railroads.

The Wake county division of the Southern Cotton Association met today at 11 o'clock in the court house, with President A. G. Green in the chair. Secretary Walter Grimes read the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting to arrange for the storing of cotton and procuring advances or it. This report was signed by T. B. Parker for the committee, and was published a bout a week ago. It urged owners of Raleigh had been seen, and they had all expressed a willingness to store cotton and issue receipts at 25c per bale per month to cover cost of storage and insurance, and that they would as far as they could make loans on the cotton up to three-fourths of the value of the cotton, charging 6 per cent interest, that the bankers of the city had said they would gladly make loans on warehouse receipts.

## STATE OFFICERS IN CAMPAIGN.

Governor Glenn is expected to return to the city Sunday morning. He made a campaign speech at Newwood, Stanly county, today. He will speak at Gastonia tomorrow. State Auditor B. F. Dixon left this morning for New Bern, where he will make a political speech tonight. He will speak at Jacksonville, Onslow county, tomorrow and at Southport being in connection with the campaign.

## IN CASTILLO'S CAMP

### Insurgent Leader Desires In- tervention

### He Tells a Press Representative That He Would Like to See the United States Negotiate Peace in the Is- land.

(By the Associated Press.)  
New Orleans, Sept. 20.—A dispatch to the Picayune from Cuba gives an interview with the insurgent leader in Havana province General Enrique Del Castillo, in which he says he would like to see a commission of Americans appointed to negotiate peace.

"I believe there is no reason to expect American intervention immediately," general Castillo said, "but it will come. I would like to see the United States negotiate peace. We have great confidence in President Roosevelt. We believe that if he intervenes he will cause his representatives to remain in Cuba just long enough to make peace and then withdraw them."

The correspondent, who arrived at General Castillo's camp at night and found five hundred men there, gives the following description:  
"In a strict sense there is no camp here. One searches the landscape in vain for signs of tents or camp fires. Instead the soldiers slept on the ground wherever they wished, without protection from the dew. The cavalrymen did not even use their saddles for pillows. We were impressed with the mature nature of the troops with Castillo. They averaged considerably older than the government troops in Guines and most of them were veterans of the Spanish war."

## THREE ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

(By the Associated Press.)  
Lancaster, Ky., Sept. 20.—Samuel and James Simpson, brothers, and Burt East are under arrest here today charged with the murder of James Casey and Nathan Taylor. The charred bodies of Casey and Taylor were found in the ruins of Casey's home, which was burned last Sunday night. East and the Simpsons will be held to await the result of the coroner's inquest, which will be held Saturday.

## SCHOONER FLIES DISTRESS SIGNAL

(By the Associated Press.)  
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 20.—A four masted schooner, apparently in a waterlogged condition, is today off the Wash Woods life saving station on this coast. The vessel's crew is apparently aboard, and she is flying a signal of sinking, but this cannot yet be understood from shore.

## UNCLE SAM TAKES ALL JOHN BULL'S EAGLES.

(By the Associated Press.)  
London, Sept. 20.—The United States brought another \$1,005,000 in bar gold at the Bank of England today. The price was seventy-eight shillings, one pence.

Mr. Parker went on to say that when, after the meeting endorsing the Hot Springs resolutions and the resolutions that no cotton should be sold for less than 10c a pound, he still read in the papers that on yesterday 200 bales were sold in Raleigh, a great deal of it for less than 10c, he felt that it was not a very good example for the metropolitan county of the state to set. It was discouraging, to say the least of it.

Mr. Parker read a report giving in detail the scheme of the Southern Cotton Association for raising the capital to buy this "weak" cotton off the market. The idea was to raise \$100,000,000 as a total, and begin operations with \$10,000,000 paid in.

### President Green.

President Green said that at the bottom of the reports on yesterday's local market it was said that the cotton sold was mostly old cotton, so things were not so bad as they might be. But some cotton would keep on being sold this way because of the need of ready money and this would continue as long as our tenant system of farming lasted. When a man had used up his supplies he must have money to buy food for the children. There was great need for some such plan as the one suggested. He did not feel discouraged on account of the cotton being put on the market, but the thing that was bothering him was the lack of support given the organization. Here was a meeting called for today and notices sent out to it for a township chairman and committee men and here was nothing but a corporal's guard that had responded.

President Green said he would be one of the men to raise \$100 extra to help things. He favored the idea of raising a fund to buy cotton that had to be sold.

Mr. Green said he did not know what to do. He felt sometimes that the association must die if more interest was not taken. Perhaps they would do better to elect some other man president.

### Captain Allen.

Capt. C. N. Allen arose to say that Mr. Green was the man they needed and wanted, but he hated to hear him talking of dying. He knew he did not mean it.

He knew him too well, knew he was just saying it for a purpose. If there should be less than a corporal's guard his idea was to stand together and say: "We will not die, and the association shall not die."

But Capt. Allen declared there was no need for any farmer to sell a pound of cotton for 9c. when the association had put the minimum at 10c, for the committee had made the arrangement with the storage house men. The situation was in the hands of the farmers, no matter what any one might say to the contrary. Let that fund be raised to take care of the weak cotton for the time being. When the buyers need the cotton, there is no trouble about getting the price.

Mr. Green thanked Captain Allen for his kind words, but said the situation reminded him of April 9, 1865, at Appomattox Court House, when General Lee whispered something to General Grant, and the latter distributed rations to Lee's army. If this association could not get some money, it would go under, no matter how brave and patriotic its leaders.

### Dr. Templeton.

Dr. J. M. Templeton of Cary, chair-

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